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Authors Kornblatt, Van Brunt Will Read on Tuesday, February 23

Joyce Kornblatt and H. L. Van Brunt will read from their work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Tuesday, February 23, at 8 p.m. No tickets are required for the program, which is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. Following the program, the audience is invited to meet the authors.

Joyce Kornblatt was born in Boston, Mass., in 1944, grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa., and attended Carnegie-Mellon University there. After receiving a master's degree in English at Western Reserve University, she spent several years working in social action programs and political campaigns. Upon the birth of her daughter, she began writing poetry and fiction which were published in quarterly journals such as *Transatlantic Review*. Her story "Yellow Springs" was an *Atlantic Monthly* first and appeared in a slightly different form in her fiction collection, *Nothing to Do with Love* (Viking Press, 1981). She is currently assistant director of creative writing at the University of Maryland, a teacher and board member of the Writers' Center at Glen Echo, and at work on a novel, "Down to Earth."

H. L. Van Brunt was born and educated in Oklahoma. He wrote his first poems and stories in New York City in 1958. By 1978, when he left New York, his work had appeared in more than 100 literary journals, including *The American Poetry Review* and *The Nation*. Five books of his poems have been published by Carnegie-Mellon Press, including *For Luck: Poems 1962–1977* (1978) and *And the Man Who Was Traveling Never Got Home* (1980). Mr. Van Brunt lives in Bowie, Md., and directs the writing program at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel, where he is poet-in-residence. He is a member of the PEN American Center and serves on the Prison Writing Committee there. He is also a member of The Poetry Society of America and recently edited the Prison Poetry Issue of *The PSA Bulletin*. He is the founding poetry editor of The Pushcart Prize.

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December 16 Meeting Discusses Revitalization of HABS and HAER

On December 16, Alan Fern, director for special collections of the Library of Congress, met with Russell Dickenson, director of the National Park Service; David Meeker, executive director, American Institute of Architects; and Neal FitzSimons, chair, History and Heritage Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers, to discuss the revitalization and future directions of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER).

For almost 50 years, HABS has documented the history of the building arts in the United States with architectural measured drawings, photographs, and written data. The program was initiated in 1933 in the National Park Service and proved so successful that an agreement was entered into between the National Park Service, the American Institute of Architects, and the Library of Congress for a permanent survey. Under this agreement, the National Park Service administers the planning and operation of the survey with funds appropriated by Congress and supplemented by gifts from individuals, foundations, and associations.

A sister program to HABS, HAER was established in 1969 to document historic engineering and industrial sites throughout the United States. In forming HAER, the National Park Service again joined forces with the Library of Congress and also the American Society of Civil Engineers to establish permanently this important documentation program. In both the HABS and HAER programs, the National Park Service is responsible for establishing recording standards and undertaking recording projects. The records produced are permanently transferred to the Library of Congress, which makes them accessible to researchers, scholars, and the general public. The American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Civil Engineers provide professional advice and counsel.

Alan Fern, David Meeker, Russell Dickenson, and Neal FitzSimons

In June 1981, HABS and HAER were transferred back to the National Park Service after having been organizationally located in another agency for three-and-a-half years. During that time, the HABS and HAER programs went through many changes, many of which were felt to be detrimental to them. With these programs back in the National Park Service, officials are beginning to evaluate these changes and plan for the revitalization of HABS and HAER. The December 16 meeting was held to invite representatives of the founding organizations of HABS and HAER to advise Mr. Dickenson on how to plan for these two important programs.

In accomplishing this, participants of the meeting agreed to reaffirm and resign the tripartite agreements that established the programs. Dr. Fern called upon the National Park Service to develop a national documentation policy for HABS and HAER oriented toward National Park Service properties and National Historic Landmarks—a recommendation that was readily accepted. Dr. Fern also urged the National Park Service to continue reducing the backlog of incomplete projects and to transmit those documents to the Library of Congress where they can be used by the public and interested researchers. He also emphasized the need for a HABS/HAER catalog of the entire collections. There has been no catalog of the HABS collection since 1941, and the HAER catalog published in 1976 also needs updating. Because a comprehensive catalog is of such importance to users

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STAFF NEWS

Rap Session Planned For Expectant Parents

The Working Parents Support Group will sponsor a rap session for expectant parents on Wednesday, February 10, at noon in room 309A (Page School) of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The meeting will be an information exchange, and all interested persons are invited. Regular meetings for the Working Parents Support Group will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

Staff members wishing to use time exceeding the normal lunch period should consult their supervisors.

Folklife Center Offers Film, Music Discussion for March Program

On Thursday, March 11, the American Folklife Center will offer the next in its series of winter programs, "Both Sides of the Camera: A Conversation on Traditional Music and Film." The program will begin at 12 noon in the Whittall Pavilion, Thomas Jefferson Building.

The workshop will open with a screening of a 20-minute excerpt from *Water from Another Time*, a film in progress. Set in Orange County, Ind., the excerpt presents the music of Lotus Dickey, a 70-year-old, semiretired factory and construction worker. The filmmakers are Richard Kane and Dillon Bustin.

The center's next program, to be held on Thursday, April 8, will be a workshop on traditional basket-making. Additional information on either program may be obtained by calling the American Folklife Center, 287–6590.

Staff members wishing to use time exceeding the normal lunch period to attend these programs should consult their supervisors.

Credit Union Plans Annual Meeting

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union will hold its 47th annual meeting on Wednesday, March 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Reports will be given by the president, the treasurer, and the heads of the Credit and Supervisory Committees, followed by the election of officers.

In accordance with LCR 2022–2, staff members may attend this one-hour meeting on official time providing attendance does not interfere unduly with the work of the Library as determined by employees' supervisors.

Three seats on the Board of Directors and one on the Credit Committee become vacant this year. Credit Union members wishing to run for any vacancy should submit a petition containing the signatures and Credit Union membership numbers of no fewer than 47 Credit Union members and a certificate stating that the candidate is agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. The petition and certificate must be presented to the secretary in the Credit Union office by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 1. Names of nominees by petition will be posted in the Credit Union office by March 6.

In order to prepare publicity for the election, all nominees by petition are requested to provide a biographical sketch and statement on their candidacy along with their petitions. Forms for petitions, certificates, and biographical information are available in the Credit Union office.

Online Users Group Offers Program on PLATO

On Wednesday, November 18, Jeff Griffith of the Office of Automated Information Services (AIS) of the Congressional Research Service presented a program on PLATO to the Online Users Group. PLATO is a computer-assisted instructional system developed by the Control Data Corp. which uses graphics and touch-screen facilities to aid new users in learning to manipulate SCORPIO.

Because CRS each year trains large numbers of new users, the training staff felt that an online teaching capability would be quite useful. Thus, PLATO was brought in. During the first year's test operation, staff of AIS distributed questionnaires and conducted interviews to find out how new users felt about the computer-assisted program. Those who had used PLATO preferred it even to one-on-one instruction. Among the advantages mentioned were that the PLATO course allowed the user to learn at his own pace, that no fixed time schedule was required since the terminals were available whenever the user wanted to use them, and that working alone seemed to relieve some users' fears of making mistakes. One user felt the system was a mixed blessing: "Makes you think—(and tired)."

This positive response has encouraged CRS to refine further the PLATO system. In the future, the

program may allow even greater flexibility in pace and content. In addition, PLATO may some day be able to act as an interface between the user and SCORPIO, correcting errors and prompting responses which will result in more efficient use of the Library of Congress automated systems.

Herbert S. Mason Retires

Herbert S. Mason, foreman of the Collections Maintenance Section, Collections Management Division, retired from the Library on December 24, 1981, after more than 30 years of Library service. Mr. Mason's career in the Library began in February 1951 as a laborer in the former Buildings and Grounds Division. In June of that same year, he was assigned to the book cleaner work force and was promoted to assistant foreman in 1963. In 1967 the

Mr. Mason is congratulated by Assistant Librarian for Research Services John C. Broderick on the occasion of receiving his 30-year pin in 1981.

work force was transferred to the Preservation Office where Mr. Mason was promoted to the position of foreman of the collections maintenance workers in 1973, the position he held when he retired.

Highlights of his career included his assignment to the White House for a brief period where he and another colleague were responsible for wrapping and packing President Truman's library for relocation to Independence, Mo. In 1964 he received a Meritorious Service Award for his expertise in overseeing the shifting of more than 1,600,000 volumes of the Library's classified collections for the air conditioning and fire retardation program of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Just before his retirement, Mr. Mason received another Meritorious Service Award for his continuing dedication to the timely, accurate, and often complex shifting of the Library's diverse collections and divisions to the Madison Building.

Mr. Mason was honored by his many friends and colleagues at a party on December 23.

19 Staff Members Earn 10-Year Pins in January

During January, 19 Library staff members completed 10 years of service and were awarded Federal Service Award pins:

Renee C. Adams	Examining Division
Richard H. Becker	European Division
Doris V. Berry	Catalog Publication Division
Susan H. Boren	Education and Public Welfare Division
G. Joyce Darilek	European Law Division
Arthur L. Dyer	Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division
John G. Early	Central Services Division
Patricia B. Fox	Descriptive Cataloging Division
Olivia D. Glover	Labor Relations Office
Mary E. Kramer	General Reading Rooms Division
Alexander Mathews	Recruitment and Placement Office
Joseph Porter Molnar	Exchange and Gift Division
Russell A. Neal	Acquisitions and Processing Division
James T. Nichols	Cataloging Division
Paul F. Rothberg	Science Policy Research Division
James B. Vassar	Examining Division
Beacher J. E. Wiggins	Descriptive Cataloging Division
Julius C. Wilson, Jr.	Catalog Management Division
Walter W. Zvonchenko	Research Services Office

Staff Activities

Gary Fitzpatrick, senior reference librarian in the Geography and Map Division, is the author of the entry on the mapping of Hawaii in *Historical Dictionary of Oceania* (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press, 1981).

On Saturday morning, January 16, **Marlene C. McGuirl,** chief of the American-British Law Division, participated in a panel discussion on "New Employment Perspectives for Librarians." The workshop was sponsored by the Association of Part-Time Professionals, a national professional association that promotes employment opportunities for qualified men and women interested in part-time professional positions. Mrs. McGuirl discussed what law librarians do, the kinds of positions available, and the kind of background and training needed by persons seeking law library employment. She also spent some time discussing new technology and its impact on the traditional law library setting.

Dana J. Pratt, director of publishing, has accepted an invitation to serve on a new Publications Committee of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies of Georgetown University. The committee was created to formulate a publications policy for the center, which has to date published a series of occasional papers, studies, and reports on different aspects of the Arab world and Arab-American relations.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Joanne Cavender, senior programmer, GS–12, ASO, 10467; Brett Hardenstine, supply clerk & messenger, GT–3, Photodup, M106D; Brian Landergan, assistant chief, Computer Service Center, GS–13, ASO, 10593; Mark McKnight, microphotographer trainee, GT–3, Photodup, M112D; Gary McKone, automation planning specialist, GS–13, Proc APLO, 10464; David Schaller, library technician, GS–4, CIP, 10528.

Temporary Appointments: Raymond Fay, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113L; Stephen Franks, editorial assistant, GS–5, CRS E, NP; Judy Latner, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113L; Carrie Nobles, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113L; Marlene Wright, library aid, GS–3, CDS, NP.

Temporary Reappointment: Vanessa Douglas, clerical assistant, GS–3, NLS/BPH, N120C.

Promotions: Steven Hiser, to library technician, GS–4, CIP, 10528; Cynthia Stevens, to assistant correspondence clerk, GT–4, Photodup, 10522.

Transfer: Carol Steininger, MARC Ed, to senior clerk-typist, GS–4, Cop Inf & Ref, 10589.

Resignations: J. Michael Carrigan, Exh; Anita Lee, Desc Cat; Stephanie Spearman, Share Cat.

Clarification: In the January 1 article on the retirement of Theodosia Kichorowsky, the text suggests that Mrs. Kichorowsky is of Polish descent while, in fact, she is a native Ukrainian and would like to be identified as such. The ambiguity is a result of the changing political situation in that region over the years. The cities where Mrs. Kichorowsky was born and studied belonged at various times to Austro-Hungary, Poland, and Ukraine.

of the collections, the Library of Congress is committed to publishing and disseminating such a document.

Dr. Fern joined other participants in the meeting in supporting the reestablishment of the HABS and HAER Advisory Committees. The committees, made up of professionals in the fields of architecture, history, and engineering, would provide policy direction, priority selection, and technical assistance to the two programs. Dr. Fern stated that a major need in the HABS and HAER programs was the development and use of cost-effective methods of documentation. The committees could provide advice on this and other important issues.

Dr. Fern, Mr. Meeker, Mr. FitzSimons, and Director Dickenson agreed that the December 16 meeting was very productive and plan to continue these open discussions regularly as a means of revitalizing the HABS and HAER programs and of developing a national documentation strategy for the nation's historic buildings.

Schneider Collection of Correspondence Presented to Library's Music Division

Mischa Schneider, longtime cellist of the Budapest Quartet, recently gave the Music Division a small but fascinating collection of letters. One is a letter of composer Gabriel Fauré to an unknown "Chère Madame," and the remaining letters are to Mischa Schneider himself. The collection consists of 11 letters from cellist Pablo Casals, eight from composer Darius Milhaud, one from Mrs. Milhaud, and one further letter concerning Milhaud. The letters of the Spanish cellist are in French, while those of the French composer are in somewhat nonstandard English.

Most of Pablo Casals' letters comment on matters of current interest—plans for a festival, congratulations on a new baby, and so on. One, however, is a long and lyrical letter of thanks for a major gift: the Bach-Gesellschaft edition of the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. "La vue de ces 45 volumes . . . m'a causé une des plus belles et profondes émotions de ma vie," writes the elder cellist to the younger. That gift and the various Casals festivals at Prades, Perpignan, and San Juan also figure importantly in another collection of extensive correspondence donated in 1979 by violinist Alexander Schneider, the cellist's younger brother and Casals' prized collaborator.

The letters from Darius Milhaud concern his string quartets. Early in his career, Milhaud boasted that he would write 18 string quartets—one more than the canonical number of string quartets by Ludwig van Beethoven. In a letter dated "Feb. 28," he announces to Mischa Schneider that it has been done: "It took me 39 years to write the 18 Quartets (1912–1951). I also made [a] few changes in the first one (small cuts and [a] few changes in notes.) It would be nice to have them all on L.P. when I am still living and able to check the movements." This was the start of an attempt to find sponsorship for a recording by the Budapest Quartet of all 18 quartets, a project that finally foundered for lack of financial support. The one recording of Milhaud's quartets by the Budapest Quartet remained the classic recording of the 14th and 15th Quartets, two works which could be played either separately or simultaneously—and which the Budapest duly recorded both as two separate quartets and as a single octet, recording over themselves in one of the first classical recordings to make use of the technique of overdubbing. The letters of Milhaud to Schneider may not have resulted in further additions to the Milhaud discography, but they remain as documents of the friendship between a leading composer of music and a leading performer.

The collection is being processed and will be available for consultation in the Music Reading Room, LJ G144.

Books Online System Implemented by ASO

On Friday, November 6, the Books Online System and Master File were implemented by the Automated Systems Office (ASO) as the first release of a total online bibliographic system. This effort represents a top automation priority for Processing Services, and the system serves several purposes. It permits online maintenance of the entire machine-readable Library of Congress Books File (replacing the combined batch/online processing routines), it reduces required processing time, and it allows for potentially improved productivity in the MARC Editorial Division.

Of considerable importance is the fact that the Books Online System provides the necessary foundation for other bibliographic applications. Additional releases are now in the developmental stages for online support to the Authorities, Maps, and Integrated Indexing Systems. The success of the Books Online System is therefore considered to be a vital stepping stone in the development of other such applications and is viewed as a significent milestone toward accomplishing a fully online cataloging capability for Processing Services.

Library of Congress Publications

New Publication

Matting and Hinging of Works of Art on Paper. ISBN 0–8444–0386–5. Washington, D.C., 1981. vii, 32 p. Compiled by Merrily A. Smith, with illustrations by Margaret R. Brown, Preservation Office, this is a National Preservation Program Publication. For sale for $2.75 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030–000–00134–6) or in person only from the Information Counter on the ground floor, Thomas Jefferson Building.

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: Eastern Africa. ISSN 0192–7388. Vol. 14. 1981. Annual Serial Supplement. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041–7769. Vol. 19, Nos. 9 and 10. September and October 1981. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Mariculture. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 81–11) August 1981. (9 p.) Compiled by James T. Chandler and Constance Carter, this guide updates and supersedes an earlier *Tracer Bullet* (72–10) on the breeding and growing of fish, shellfish, algae, and plants in sea water. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Personal Computing/ Home Computers. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 81–12) September 1981. (6 p.) Compiled by Y. Y. Liu, this reference aid provides a brief guide to information on the uses and the technical aspects of personal or home computers. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of documents for distribution to depository libraries.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Wood As Fuel. ISSN 0090–5232. (TB 81–13) September 1981. (9 p.) Compiled by Diana Niskern, this literature guide notes recent publications on the applications, safety, and environmental effects of wood as fuel. Copies may be obtained free on request from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Science Reference Section. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

The Musical Mainstream. ISSN 0364–7501. Vol. 6, No. 1. January–February 1982. This bimonthly magazine containing original articles, reprints from national music periodicals, and lists of additions of music collections of interest to blind and physically handicapped musicians is free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

National Union Catalog. ISSN 0028–0348. 1980 Annual Cumulation. Part 9: Kuroi-Merg (1,022 p.) Part 10: Merh-North Carolina B (1,022 p.) Part 11: North Carolina C . . . -PZ (1,022 p.) Part 12: Q-Schröder, P (1,022 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541 at $1,275 for the 1980 annual cumulation.

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. ISSN 0090–0044. 1980. Catalog (283 p.) Index (189 p.) Compiled by the Library of Congress from reports provided by American repositories. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $90 for the 1980 subscription year.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Commencing Publication After December 31, 1949. ISSN 0028–6680. 1976–1980 Cumulation. Vol. 1, A-K (1,301 p.) Vol. 2, L-Z (2,619 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service for $225.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028–6680. May–June 1981. (519 p.) This is the second issue produced by the automated system using MARC serial records through the CONSER project. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at $235 for the 1981 subscription year.

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